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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits of the case, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims (Clean copy as amended)

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3. (Amended) A bottom opening type container according to claim 1, wherein a returning mechanism constituted by rotatably mounting the other end of a lever (6) having a tip end hook (61) to a side face of the bottom plate (11) and lifting an intermediate portion of the lever by a spring (62) is provided, the tip end hook (61) is engaged with the lifting-up arm (51) in a state where the bottom plate (11) has been opened at 90° and the lifting-up arm (51) has fallen down without being lifted upward.

Kindly add the following new claim:

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4. (New) A bottom opening type container according to claim 2, wherein a returning mechanism constituted by rotatably mounting the other end of a lever (6) having a tip end